

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE
MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Municipal Golf Commission was called to order by Skip Rowland, Chairman, at 3:33 p.m. in the classroom at the Long Beach Junior Golf Academy Building, 6730 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, California. Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations Bureau, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present:

Skip Rowland, Chairman	
Phil Barlow, Vice-Chairman	
Betty Hatcher	
John McCann	Gail Berns
Tonny Christensen	Bob Peeters
Becky Turley	Ray McElhenney
Len Kennett	Linda Cook
Bill Townsend	Robin Bellamy

Excused: None

Staff:

Tom Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Terry Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations
Amy Arteaga, Golf Operations Support

American Golf: Lisa Georgeson, Junior Golf Coordinator

Audience: Al Theriault

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

- The minutes of the September 22, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved with one change (last page next meeting time changed from November 17th to October 27th).

It was moved by Commissioner Townsend and seconded by Commissioner McElhenney that the Municipal Golf Commission approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. GOLF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Rounds of golf for September were down by 1,368 (-4%) over the total course rounds for September. Total rounds of golf were up by 4,370 (1.35%) for the year compared to this time last year. **(Skylinks was removed from the comparison)**
- Mr. Lortz asked the commissioners if they had any questions or comments on the rounds/financial report for the month of September.
- American Golf has been going through a transition period changing general managers and superintendents. Hopefully this will settle down soon and all the golf courses should be fully staffed.
- Jason Koh is the new general manager at Skylinks.
- Rob Quinney, Superintendent at Skylinks has done a fantastic job.
- The El Dorado Golf Course vending machine enclosure has been completed.
- The Heartwell Pro Shop has been re-decorated.

4. **AMERICAN GOLF REPORT**

- CIP Golf Fund - Available balance approximately = **\$5,900.00**
- Junior Golf 1% Fund-Available balance September 30, 2004 = **\$74,641.64**
- Ms. Lisa Georgeson provided an update on the various junior golf programs in our City.
 - The Long Beach Junior Golf Association now has 535 registered members.
 - We have completed our club championship and are excited to announce our first female winner. Ms. Lalita Patapaksiri won our tournament with a 9-under score of 153 for three rounds at Heartwell Golf Course. Lalita is thirteen years of age and in the ninth grade. We have moved the top sixteen golfers from the championship into our Match Play Championship. This event will finish up on November 12th.
 - Holiday awards party is scheduled for December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Heartwell Golf Course Clubhouse.
 - The Long Beach Junior Golf Association will host the 10th annual Heartwell Open on November 20th. This tournament is open to all

junior golfers in the Southern California area. Tee times will begin at 10:00 a.m. and I'm looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the tournament.

- The Get-A-Grip Program is currently visiting Veterans and Silverado Park.
- Received our final installment from the Tiger Woods Foundation Leave Behind Grant. The final amount was \$16,998.00. This closes out our grant from TWF.
- A special thank you to Gail Berns for making a \$150.00 donation to the Long Beach Junior Golf Association.

5. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Capital Improvement Projects – Bill Townsend

- First meeting target day January 2005 to review the CIP list and expenditures.

B. Fees and Charges – Bob Peeters

- No Report.

C. Hall of Fame – Len Kennett

- The committee met to start planning for the grand opening of the Hall of Fame at Skylinks Golf Course.

D. Policies and Procedures– Tonny Christensen

- Bylaws need to be revised and come up with ideas. Then send to City Attorney's Office for review and approval.

E. Tournaments – Robin Bellamy

- The committee met to start reviewing the tournament policy.

F. Junior Golf Advisory – Linda Cook

- No committee report.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Skylinks Golf Course Renovation Update. The following summary was provided to the commissioners:

- Skylinks at Long Beach faired pretty well during the rain showers over this past week. The new drainage systems for the most part kept the water moving off of the fairways as they were designed. The wet weather caused the postponement of the parking lot patching and slurry seal and striping. The proshop carpeting and display furniture were installed.
- Skylinks at Long Beach will officially open for play in two days on October 29th, after a 13-month closure for total renovation. The restaurant/banquet/bar section of the clubhouse will not be completed inside or open for service until the first week of December. This major \$6 million renovation project was paid for by a Revenue Bond that will be paid off using only golf fees. Skylinks has been changed into our City's highest quality regulation 18-hole course. Skylinks at Long Beach is being referred to as our Platinum course, El Dorado as our Gold course, and Recreation Park 18 as our Silver course.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- None

8. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

- Al Theriault why can't we pay off the Skylinks debt with the fee increase instead of putting it in the general fund? Mr. Shippey that's not the way bonds payments are set up.

B. STAFF

- Mr. Shippey introduced Thomas Soderling who will be working part-time assisting Mr. Lortz with golf course inspections.

C. COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Bellamy the netting needs to be replaced near #10 tee at El Dorado Golf Course.
- Commissioner Christensen the lakes at Heartwell have to be redone not filled in.

- Commissioner McElhenney needs the irrigation schematic map for El Dorado Golf Course. Mr. Carballo promised a while back that he would give a copy to the men's club.

9. NEXT MEETING

**November 17, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.
Heartwell Junior Golf Building
6730 E. Carson Street
Long Beach, CA 90808**

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emy Arteaga
Golf Operations Support

c: Municipal Golf Commission
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager
Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Thomas A. Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Terry L. Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations
Jay Carballo, Regional Director of American Golf Corporation
Lisa Georgeson, Director of Junior Golf Programs